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SUBJECT: ACQUITTAL OF MEDAN DEMONSTRATORS

1. SUMMARY: A MEDAN DISTRICT COURT ON DECEMBER 23 ACQUITTED FIVE MOSLEM YOUTHS OF CHARGES OF UNLAWFUL DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT THIS CONSULATE ON OCTOBER 22, 1973. PRESIDING JUDGE FOUND THAT THE FIVE YOUTHS HAD NOT VIOLATED THE LAW BY HOLDING THE DEMONSTRATION. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FIVE ACQUITTED MOSLEM YOUTHS HAD TAKEN PART ALONG WITH 15 OTHERS IN A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION ON OCT. 22, 1973, PROTESTING US ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL DURING YOM KIPPUR WAR. DURING DEMONSTRATION, YOUTHS HAD POLITELY PRESENTED PROTEST NOTE TO THE CONSUL. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THE FIVE WERE QUESTIONED BY AUTHORITIES AND THEN RELEASED. THE INCIDENT THEN DROPPED FROM PUBLIC NOTICE.

3. MEDAN PRESS REDISCOVERED THE INCIDENT IN EARLY NOVEMBER THIS YEAR WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FIVE HAD RETAINED DEFENSE LAWYERS, INCLUDING NEWLY RETURNED IV GRANTEE, MAHJOEDANIL SH, TO DEFEND THEM AGAINST CHARGES OF VIOLATING PRES. DECISION NO. 7/1963. THROUGHOUT THE OFTEN DELAYED TRIAL, DEFENSE LAWYERS REPORTEDLY ARGUED THAT PRES. DECISION 7/1963 HAD BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INVALIDATED BY LATER DECREES. THIS ARGUMENT APPARENTLY PER-

SUASIVE AS THE FIVE YOUTHS WERE ACQUITTED ON DEC 23, AND PRESS  
REPORTS INDICATE JUDGE BASED HIS ACQUITTAL ON HIS INABILITY  
TO FIND A BROKEN LAW.

4. COMMENT: IN SOME WAYS TRIAL APPEARS TO BE REPLAY OF HARRIMAN  
SIREGAR TRIAL WITHOUT DISTRACTION OF WITNESSES AND WITH  
DIFFERENT ENDING. POST PLANS FOLLOW UP AIRGRAM ON THIS AS WELL  
AS THE QUESTION OF WHY SUCH AN ABORTIVE TRIAL WAS CONDUCTED IN  
FIRST PLACE.  
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